

there are some things that we may possibly have overlooked and that being my concern for the fact that in many cases we still have some of the victims picking up the cost instead of the perpetrators that have put us into this situation. As we look at situations in the long term effect, hopefully, we can corral some of those back in, an example being pipelines, bringing them back in under using a volume tax of the product move to the pipelines, these types of techniques, I think ultimately can bring that back onto the tax rolls where they rightfully belong. But, for the time being, again the issue is divisive, it's difficult, it's hard to calculate and I think Senator Hall has done an admirable job in the revenue side. What AM1889 did that was quite different than Senator Hall's though was...and it's something that I think that, hopefully, somewhere along the line and maybe I can initiate it, start some debate because there's been almost no discussion on the redistribution of the money. All of the discussion has been relative to how do we raise the revenue, the 97 million or thereabouts to supplant what's lost in the personal property tax but very little has been said about the distribution, whether or not we use a state aid formula base, whether under Senator Hall's plan we have a dollar for dollar payout to the counties who had the specific losses or under AM1889 which I had drafted, which was the homestead exemption technique, to basically make the homeowner harmless under that particular technique. And one of my concerns for raising that goes back to way back when, when we first got into the railroad case and we had the communities and I will use north North Platte as an example, which was a very heavy involved railroad community, lost a great deal of income from the court cases when the railroad was the first to jump on the wagon of finding court protection for the taxing schemes that we were using. What nobody talked about was the fact that for many, many years a city like North Platte who was very heavily loaded down with personal property, that being the railroads in this case, was reaping the benefits of having that industry there, a technique in place to tax them and was supplanting a great deal of the property tax base by the very benefit of having many years of getting tax money from that entity. And then as soon as they lost that money, all the rest of the state who hadn't had that benefit all those years came rallying to their defense and through various taxing measures were able to raise enough money and offset that particular lost income. We had the same situation, I believe, Gage County was very heavily hit in the pipeline situation and Senator Byars worked diligently to have that money replaced but nobody talked about